

1. In some ways the chair has less power. You only have a personal opinion until the vote. After that you speak for the council regardless of your vote. The job of this position if done correctly is to serve all the council as well as the other elected. You must make sure everyone's voice is heard regardless of the issue, their views or their political party. In this case I believe experience matters when it come to running a meeting sometime filled with emotions

2. The remodel of our jail is thee most important issue. Since it is the cornerstone of our criminal justice system for the county and every city. To maintain safety we must have a well functioning jail and operation.

3. First there are only a few counties in the state with stable budgets , 2 with landfills and 1 with Hanford. With that said the most important issue is a balanced budget with enough reserves for tough times. The state legislature must start funding item mandated by the laws they have passed such as growth management, indigent defense and more. I will continue to make our budget clear and easy to understand and to welcome all ideas from county employees and county citizens.

4. the purpose of county government is to implement the will of the state and the federal government. For that reason if done correctly , political parties only hurt that outcome. Because of that I have chosen not to have a letter behind my name and it has helped me greatly. The position of chair must serve all regardless of their party.

5. We must first take time to build a budget meeting the needs of citizens, but realizing that citizens pay for the entire budget. If at the end you have a deficit you can look for ways to meet the challenge of funding through taxes or fees. All fees must be directly connected to the service provided . We are currently looking to ways to decrease county employee time which will decrease fees.

[6.to](#) limit the control of the growth management hearings board . And make it easier to go straight to court for a final outcome saving time for everyone. To not bind state funding to herrings board decision when the request has no bearing on the issue at hand.

7. I will wait for the citizens review committee to come up with their recommendations in the next 2 years.

8. When the council received the report from the consultant paid by the sheriff I helped create a citizen task force to look at the remodel of the jail and the operation of the facility. I currently sit on the executive committee and attend all task force meetings. But I am committed to see changes in our jail. The people working in the jail as well as those citizens both before and after a court decision deserve it.

9. The county is the lead agency for homelessness. We must continue to work along side of the council for the homeless to provide long-term solutions rather than a short term headline . I serve on the committee working with the city of Vancouver opening up their day shelter and also working with non profits for a emergency night shelter. We must not loose our focus in keeping people in their homes and work to get homeless people in a home as soon as possible. For housing needs the county must start this year working on the foundation for a new growth plan for a 20 year supply of land required by law. With out it there is a artificial demand and land priced rise quickly .

10. Not at this time . We need more information about the effects on our health . As well until the federal government changed there still is a question of going forward.